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LOUISIANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(in thousands)	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1988				REVISED MAY 1988				REVISED JUNE 1987			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
LOUISIANA	1,925.2	1,723.1	202.1	10.5	1,907.7	1,705.3	202.4	10.6	1,989.9	1,739.3	250.6	12.6
LABOR MARKET AREAS:												
Alexandria 1/	60.6	55.0	5.6	9.3	60.1	54.3	5.8	9.7	63.1	56.7	6.4	10.2
Baton Rouge 2/	261.8	237.7	24.1	9.2	261.3	238.2	23.1	8.8	266.8	237.8	29.0	10.9
Houma - Thibodaux 3/	70.2	62.9	7.3	10.4	70.2	62.2	8.0	11.4	75.3	63.1	12.2	16.2
Lafayette 4/	96.8	87.7	9.1	9.4	96.1	86.9	9.2	9.6	102.0	88.3	13.7	13.4
Lake Charles 5/	76.4	67.6	8.8	11.5	74.7	65.8	8.9	11.9	79.2	68.0	11.2	14.1
Monroe 6/	69.2	62.3	6.9	10.0	67.6	60.8	6.8	10.1	72.0	64.4	7.6	10.5
New Orleans 7/	599.3	543.5	55.8	9.3	590.5	534.5	56.0	9.5	612.8	548.3	64.5	10.5
Shreveport 8/	167.4	150.9	16.5	9.8	166.0	149.2	16.8	10.1	170.1	151.1	19.0	11.2

Parishes included in above Labor Market Areas are listed at the end of the Employment and Payroll Trends narrative.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in Louisiana was estimated at 1,501,900 for June, an increase of 3,600 workers above May's revised level and 19,400 above the comparable period a year ago. Louisiana's nonagricultural employment increase for June was centered in the government segment of nonmanufacturing. An upturn in nondurable goods payrolls resulted in higher employment for the state's manufacturing industries.

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Estimated employment in the durable goods segment of manufacturing, at 73,500, was 900 less than May. A partial shutdown for a plant in the electrical and electronic equipment industry was significant in the decrease of durable goods employment. The decrease in transportation equipment industry payrolls was centered in the ship and boat building and repairing segment.

Nondurable goods employment, at 94,700, was 1,000 more than last month, and 500 above the June 1987 figure. Seasonal increases in the canning and packaging of seafood accounted for the higher level of food and kindred products employment. More activity in the paper mills segment of manufacturing was responsible for the upturn in paper and allied products payrolls.

Louisiana's employment in nonmanufacturing industries during June was estimated at 1,333,700, up by 3,500 from the May level and 15,400 above the year-ago level. Mining employment was higher due to increased production of crude petroleum and natural gas. Construction rose by 100 employees. Payroll increases for the electric services segment was responsible for the upturn in transportation and public utilities employment. Trade employment moved up due to more business in both the wholesale and retail trade industries. Real estate was among the segments that was instrumental in the decrease of finance, insurance and real estate employment. Seasonal losses in educational services employment were mainly responsible in the lower payrolls for total services in June. Local government showed a sizable increase, reflecting the beginning of hiring of temporary workers for the summer months.

Average weekly earnings of Louisiana's 123,300 production workers in manufacturing increased from $458.22 in May to $471.58 in June, an increase of $13.36 and an increase of $21.30 above the comparable period a year ago. Average hourly earnings were $0.16 higher in June than last month and $0.22 higher than the year-ago figure. Weekly hours averaged 42.6 for June, up 0.6 hours from the May revised level of 42.0 hours.

Estimated total unemployment for Louisiana during June amounted to 202,100, a decrease of 300 below the May revised level of 202,400. The unemployment rate for June was 10.5 percent, compared to 10.6 percent for the prior month and 12.6 percent for June of last year. The comparable national unemployment rate for June was 5.5 percent, compared to 5.4 percent in May and 6.3 percent for June 1987. The state's civilian labor force increased from 1,907,700 in May to 1,925,200 in June, a gain of 17,500. Total employment, estimated at 1,723,100 in June, was up by 17,800 over last month's revised figure, but was 16,200 below June of last year.

Louisiana's unemployment rate should decline over the next few months. Manufacturing payrolls should decrease in July. The state's nonmanufacturing employment is expected to drop during the next month.

1/ Rapides Parish only. 2/ Includes Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge parishes. 3/ Includes Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. 4/ Includes Lafayette and St. Martin parishes. 5/ Calcasieu Parish only. 6/ Ouachita Parish only. 7/ Includes Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany , St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes. 8/ Includes Bossier and Caddo parishes.

LOUISIANA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change from May 1988	Net Change from June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,501.9	1,498.3	1,482.5	+ 3.6	+19.4
MINING	55.0	54.8	54.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Oil and Gas Extraction	52.3	52.0	51.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	2.7	2.8	2.7	- 0.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	82.7	82.6	81.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
MANUFACTURING	168.2	168.1	164.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.0
Durable Goods	73.5	74.4	70.0	- 0.9	+ 3.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	12.1	12.4	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Furniture and Fixtures	0.6	0.7	0.7	- 0.1	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	5.5	5.5	5.7	0	- 0.2
Primary Metal Industries	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	11.4	11.3	10.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	9.0	9.1	8.0	- 0.1	+ 1.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	6.8	7.2	7.4	- 0.4	- 0.6
Transportation Equipment	22.6	23.0	20.2	- 0.4	+ 2.4
Other Durable Goods (1)	2.5	2.6	2.2	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	94.7	93.7	94.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	19.7	19.2	20.9	+ 0.5	- 1.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	9.6	9.6	9.0	0	+ 0.6
Paper & Allied Products	12.3	12.0	11.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Printing & Publishing	10.3	10.3	10.2	0	+ 0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	25.7	25.6	25.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Petroleum and Coal Products	12.3	12.3	12.3	0	0
Petroleum Refining	11.4	11.4	11.3	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods (2)	4.8	4.7	4.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.2	104.0	104.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Railroad Transportation	5.2	5.2	5.3	0	- 0.1
Transportation, ex. Railroads	58.6	58.6	58.8	0	- 0.2
Water Transportation	22.5	22.5	23.0	0	- 0.5
Communication & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Ser.	40.4	40.2	40.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Communication, Exc. U S Postal Service	18.0	18.0	18.3	0	- 0.3
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	22.4	22.2	21.9	+ 0.2	- 0.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	363.1	361.8	363.7	+ 1.3	- 0.6
Wholesale Trade	83.3	82.7	82.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.8
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	46.1	45.8	45.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	37.2	36.9	37.3	+ 0.3	- 0.1
Retail Trade	279.8	279.1	281.2	+ 0.7	- 1.4
Gen. Merchandise, Apparel & Acc.	57.4	56.9	56.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Food Stores	55.4	55.5	56.6	- 0.1	- 1.2
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	31.0	30.8	30.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Eating & Drinking Places	85.2	85.0	86.2	+ 0.2	- 1.0
Other Retail Trade	50.8	50.9	51.2	- 0.1	- 0.4

LOUISIANA - CONTINUED
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change from May 1988	Net Change from June 1987
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	84.6	84.8	85.8	- 0.2	- 1.2
Banking	24.8	24.8	25.5	0	- 0.7
SERVICES	327.6	328.8	319.5	- 1.2	+ 8.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.3	22.4	20.8	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Personal Services	14.6	14.8	14.0	- 0.2	+ 0.6
Business Services	58.4	58.5	57.5	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Auto Repair, Services & Garages	9.7	9.7	10.0	0	- 0.3
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.3	5.2	5.4	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Amusement & Recreation Services	10.0	9.3	9.9	+ 0.7	+ 0.1
Health Services	103.5	103.3	101.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
Legal Services	15.7	15.3	15.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Educational Services.	22.9	24.4	19.6	- 1.5	+ 3.3
Social Services	18.4	19.1	18.4	- 0.7	0
Membership Organizations	26.0	25.8	26.2	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Miscellaneous Services	14.6	14.8	14.9	- 0.2	- 0.3
GOVERNMENT	316.5	313.4	309.2	+ 3.1	+ 7.3
Federal	36.5	36.3	36.8	+ 0.2	- 0.3
State and Local	280.0	277.1	272.4	+ 2.9	+ 7.6
State	92.1	96.8	89.1	- 4.7	+ 3.0
Local	187.9	180.3	183.3	+ 7.6	+ 4.6

* Preliminary **Revised
(1) Includes Professional equipment and misc. manufacturing industries
(2) Includes Leather, Rubber and Textile products.

All estimates of Nonagricultural wage and salaried workers in this publication are prepared in cooperation with U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, with the exception of the Lake Charles LMA which is prepared under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Labor, and include all full time and part time workers who were employed during the pay period including the 12th of the month.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN LOUISIANA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$471.58	$458.22	$450.28	42.6	42.0	41.5	$11.07	$10.91	$10.85
Durable Goods	430.43	416.23	405.66	43.0	42.3	41.1	10.01	9.84	9.87
Lumber & Wood Products	360.57	349.68	349.49	43.6	42.8	43.2	8.27	8.17	8.09
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	375.06	363.76	326.17	42.0	43.1	38.6	8.93	8.44	8.45
Fabricated Metal Products	450.60	425.21	448.38	45.7	43.3	45.8	9.86	9.82	9.79
Machinery, ex. Electrical	395.42	385.31	396.49	43.5	43.1	44.4	9.09	8.94	8.93
Electric & Electronic Equip.	666.85	574.80	522.54	46.6	42.8	39.2	14.31	13.43	13.33
Transportation Equipment	428.27	437.37	416.23	40.1	41.3	37.6	10.68	10.59	11.07
Nondurable Goods	505.56	494.91	487.72	42.2	41.8	41.9	11.98	11.84	11.64
Food & Kindred Products	301.06	300.13	299.14	39.2	37.8	38.9	7.68	7.94	7.69
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	205.47	199.76	206.18	37.7	37.2	37.9	5.45	5.37	5.44
Paper & Allied Products	559.78	597.26	567.14	41.9	43.5	42.9	13.36	13.73	13.22
Printing & Publishing	363.65	386.20	392.50	35.0	37.9	38.9	10.39	10.19	10.09
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	716.87	685.25	689.92	45.4	44.7	44.8	15.79	15.33	15.40
Petroleum & Coal Products	768.91	716.63	682.36	49.1	46.9	45.1	15.66	15.28	15.13
Petroleum Refining	787.81	732.73	696.85	49.3	47.0	44.9	15.98	15.59	15.52
MINING	538.66	535.92	538.80	46.0	46.4	45.7	11.71	11.55	11.79
COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC UTILITIES	507.13	522.18	497.38	39.9	39.8	39.6	12.71	13.12	12.56
BANKING	267.81	264.92	256.30	37.3	37.0	38.6	7.18	7.16	6.64

(1) Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 123,300 full and part-time workers in manufacturing and 89,700 nonsupervisory employees in communications, public utilities, mining and banking. The averages are computed on a "Gross" basis and reflect over-time, late shift work and incentive rates.

LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SITUATION BY LABOR MARKET AREA

	PRELIMINARY 06 88				REVISED 05 88			
	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE	LABOR FORCE	EMPL.	UNEMP	RATE
CROWLEY (ACADIA)	22,875	19,875	3,000	13.1	22,425	19,550	2,875	12.9
OAKDALE (ALLEN)	9,750	8,575	1,175	12.1	9,650	8,475	1,175	12.2
NAPOLEONVILLE (ASSUMPTION)	5,900	4,825	1,075	18.1	5,775	4,650	1,125	19.4
BUNKIE (AVOYELLES)	15,450	12,725	2,725	17.7	15,400	12,750	2,650	17.3
DERIDDER (BEAUREGARD)	14,550	13,075	1,475	10.2	14,925	13,400	1,525	10.2
ARCADIA (BIENVILLE)	6,550	5,775	775	12.0	6,350	5,675	675	10.7
COLUMBIA (CALDWELL)	4,250	3,725	525	12.3	4,225	3,650	575	13.5
CAMERON (CAMERON)	4,700	4,275	425	8.9	4,675	4,225	450	9.9
JONESVILLE (CATAHOULA)	4,300	3,500	800	18.4	4,200	3,400	800	19.0
HOMER (CLAIBORNE)	8,025	7,275	750	9.4	8,000	7,225	775	9.7
FERRIDAY (CONCORDIA)	10,050	8,525	1,525	15.1	9,925	8,375	1,550	15.6
MANSFIELD (DESOTO)	13,200	11,675	1,525	11.6	13,000	11,475	1,525	11.7
LAKE PROVIDENCE (E. CARROLL)	4,325	3,525	800	18.6	4,250	3,450	800	18.7
CLINTON (EAST FELICIANA)	8,500	7,750	750	8.9	8,600	7,850	750	8.7
VILLE PLATTE(EVANGELINE)	12,750	11,025	1,725	13.5	12,575	10,900	1,675	13.4
WINNSBORO (FRANKLIN)	8,350	7,100	1,250	15.0	8,100	6,950	1,150	14.3
COLFAX (GRANT)	6,800	5,975	825	12.0	6,725	5,875	850	12.8
NEW IBERIA (IBERIA)	24,425	21,225	3,200	13.1	24,375	21,025	3,350	13.8
PLAQUEMINE (IBERVILLE)	11,250	9,550	1,700	15.1	11,200	9,550	1,650	14.7
JONESBORO (JACKSON)	7,425	6,750	675	9.0	7,325	6,675	650	9.0
JENNINGS (JEFFERSON DAVIS)	12,425	10,700	1,725	13.9	12,300	10,575	1,725	14.0
JENA (LASALLE)	6,425	5,750	675	10.4	6,400	5,725	675	10.5
RUSTON (LINCOLN)	16,750	15,800	950	5.7	18,175	17,150	1,025	5.6
TALLULAH (MADISON)	5,975	5,150	825	13.8	5,975	5,125	850	14.1
BASTROP (MOREHOUSE)	12,525	10,775	1,750	14.0	12,450	10,600	1,850	14.8
NATCHITOCHES (NATCHITOCHES)	16,475	14,725	1,750	10.7	16,325	14,650	1,675	10.2
POINT-A-LA-HACHE (PLAQUM.)	9,050	8,050	1,000	10.9	9,000	7,975	1,025	11.4
NEW ROADS (POINTE COUPEE)	7,375	5,975	1,400	19.1	7,325	6,050	1,275	17.3
COUSHATTA (RED RIVER)	4,650	3,675	975	20.8	4,125	3,675	450	11.0
RAYVILLE (RICHLAND)	9,125	7,825	1,300	14.2	8,975	7,700	1,275	14.1
MANY (SABINE)	10,200	9,300	900	8.8	9,975	9,100	875	8.8
GREENSBURG (ST. HELENA)	2,750	2,400	350	12.4	2,700	2,375	325	12.2
LUTCHER (ST. JAMES)	8,225	6,900	1,325	16.2	8,150	6,925	1,225	15.2
OPELOUSAS (ST. LANDRY)	33,700	28,050	5,650	16.8	33,400	27,750	5,650	16.9
MORGAN CITY (ST. MARY)	23,250	19,950	3,300	14.2	22,975	19,625	3,350	14.6
HAMMOND (TANGIPAHOA)	39,100	33,600	5,500	14.0	38,925	33,600	5,325	13.7
ST. JOSEPH (TENSAS)	3,200	2,825	375	11.6	3,175	2,800	375	11.5
FARMERVILLE (UNION)	8,275	7,350	925	11.3	8,225	7,250	975	11.9
ABBEVILLE (VERMILION)	19,600	16,975	2,625	13.4	19,625	16,775	2,850	14.5
LEESVILLE (VERNON)	19,175	17,625	1,550	8.1	19,025	17,375	1,650	8.7
BOGALUSA (WASHINGTON)	18,100	16,100	2,000	11.1	18,000	16,050	1,950	10.8
MINDEN (WEBSTER)	19,400	16,925	2,475	12.7	19,350	16,825	2,525	13.0
OAK GROVE (WEST CARROLL)	4,675	3,475	1,200	25.6	5,050	3,600	1,450	28.8
ST. FRANCISVILLE (W. FELIC.)	4,050	3,725	325	7.8	4,200	3,850	350	8.4
WINNFIELD (WINN)	5,600	5,150	450	8.2	5,675	5,150	525	9.1

NOTE: LABOR MARKET AREAS ARE DESIGNATED BY NAME OF PRINCIPAL TOWN, BUT INCLUDE ALL OF PARISH IN PARENTHESIS.

ABOVE DATA ROUNDED TO NEAREST 25 EXCEPT LMAS AND STATEWIDE WHICH ARE ROUNDED TO NEAREST 100. SUBTOTALS MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING. RATES COMPUTED FROM UNROUNDED DATA.

ALEXANDRIA AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	45.7	45.7	46.1	0	- 0.4
MANUFACTURING	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 0.1	0
Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	2.1	0	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 0.1
Nondurable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	0.9	0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 0.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	11.1	11.1	11.2	0	- 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0
Retail Trade	8.9	8.9	9.0	0	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.1	2.1	2.0	0	+ 0.1
Auto Dlrs. & Svc. Sta.	0.9	0.9	1.0	0	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
Other Retail Trade	3.5	3.5	3.6	0	- 0.1
FINANCE, INS., & REAL ESTATE	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
SERVICES	11.3	11.3	11.2	0	+ 0.1
Health Services	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0
GOVERNMENT	12.4	12.5	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.3
Federal	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.7	9.8	9.9	- 0.1	- 0.2
State	4.7	4.7	4.8	0	- 0.1
Local	5.0	5.1	5.1	- 0.1	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Alexandria labor market area was estimated at 45,700 during the month of June. This estimate was the same as last month and 400 less than June of last year.

Employment in manufacturing was estimated at 3,500 during June, an increase of 100 over last month. The increase occurred in other nondurable goods. Since June of last year, total employment in manufacturing has not changed, but there were offsetting changes in other durable and nondurable goods.

Employment in nonmanufacturing was estimated at 42,200 during June. This total is 100 less than the previous month. The decline occurred in local government. Compared to last June, nonmanufacturing employment has declined, with most of the reductions occurring in federal, state, and local governments.

During the next thirty days, total nonagricultural employment will continue declining as the number of noninstructional school personnel decreases for the summer months.

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(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	210.9	214.0	209.2	- 3.1	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	18.7	18.6	18.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	4.0	3.9	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Lumber and Wood Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	1.1	1.0	1.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Other Durable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Nondurable Goods	14.7	14.7	14.7	0	0
Food & Kindred Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1.4	1.5	1.5	- 0.1	- 0.1
Chemicals and Petroleum Products	10.2	10.1	10.2	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.3	1.3	1.2	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.8	0.8	0.8	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	21.3	21.2	19.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILTIES	10.5	10.4	10.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	51.2	51.2	50.7	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade	11.6	11.6	11.1	0	+ 0.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	7.8	7.8	7.6	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.5	0	+ 0.3
Retail Trade	39.6	39.6	39.6	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	13.7	13.4	13.7	+ 0.3	0
Banking	3.4	3.4	3.7	0	+ 0.3
SERVICES	44.4	43.8	43.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
GOVERNMENT	50.3	54.6	52.5	- 4.3	- 2.2
Federal	2.3	2.2	2.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
State and Local	48.0	52.4	50.3	- 4.4	- 2.3
State	25.1	29.8	27.5	- 4.7	- 2.4
Local	22.9	22.6	22.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.1

BATON ROUGE AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING (1)	$540.99	$532.14	$526.61	42.1	42.0	43.2	$12.85	$12.67	$12.19
Petro-Chemicals	700.89	700.25	688.13	44.9	45.5	47.1	15.61	15.39	14.61

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 12,100 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

BATON ROUGE AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Nonagricultural employment in the Baton Rouge LMA, at 210,900 during June, was down 3,100 from the revised May estimate and up 1,700 over the comparable period a year ago.

Employment in manufacturing, at 18,700, was up 100 during the current period and up 100 over the year-ago estimate. Durable goods were up due to more business in miscellaneous fabricated metal products. In nondurable goods, a small decline in printing and publishing was offset by an increase in chemicals and petroleum products.

Total nonmanufacturing was down 3,200 during June. Construction increased due to more business in general building contractors - nonresidential buildings, in painting, paper hanging, and decorating, and in electrical work. Transportation and public utilities rose due to increases in trucking, local and long distance. Finance, insurance and real estate rose due to more business in accident and health insurance and medical service plans, in insurance agents, brokers, and service, and in real estate agents and managers. Services was up due to more business in laundry, cleaning, and garment services, in offices of physicians, in nursing and personal care facilities, in legal services, and seasonal increases in amusement and recreation services. Government was down due to seasonal declines in state public educational services.

Average weekly earnings of the Baton Rouge LMA's 12,100 production workers in all manufacturing industries was $540.99, up $8.85 from the revised May average. Average weekly hours, at 42.1, were up 0.1 hours. Average hourly earnings, at $12.85, were up $0.18 per hour. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to these changes.

Total employment of Baton Rouge LMA's residents was 237,700 during June, a decrease of 500 from the revised May estimate and down 100 from the year-ago estimate. Unemployment, at 24,100, increased by 1,000 during the current period and was down 4,900 from June of last year. The local unemployment rate for June was 9.2 percent, up from the revised 8.8 percent for May and down from 10.9 percent for June of last year. Baton Rouge's civilian labor force totaled 261,800 during June, up 500 from the prior month and down 5,000 from June, 1987.

The Baton Rouge Job Service Office served 3,602 indivuduals with new or renewal applications and placed 1,550 applicants in jobs during June 1988.

The consumer price index for May 1988 for all urban consumers was 117.5 and for all urban wage and clerical workers 116.2 using base period 1982, 1983, 1984 = 100.

Unemployment is expected to continue increasing during the coming month due to unemployed summer job seekers.

HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	53.6	52.6	- 0.1	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.2	4.5	+ 0.3	0
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.6	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.3	1.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
MINING	6.1	6.2	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	5.5	0	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.2	0	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.8	13.7	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.9	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.0	0	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.9	8.9	8.6	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.6	10.6	- 0.3	- 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.9	10.2	10.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
State	2.5	2.8	2.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.5	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Houma-Thibodaux labor market area in June tapered off to 53,500, down 100 from May. Changes were mostly seasonal in nature. Since June 1987, total employment showed a gain of 900.

Manufacturing totaled 4,500 in June, showing an increase of 300 over the previous month. Durable goods remained at the same level as May. Nondurable goods increased because of seasonal changes affecting the seafood processing industry.

Mining eased downward. Construction showed a small seasonal gain mostly in employment by special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities held steady. Retail trade displayed a small decrease largely in employment by food stores. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change. Services remained at the same total level, with small decreases in business services and private health services offset by minor increases in other segments of this industry division. Government was lowered by early summer layoffs in state education.

Estimated unemployment in June was 7,300, down 700 from May. Unemployment presently comprises 10.4 percent of the labor force compared to 11.4 percent in May and 16.2 percent in June 1987. Recipients of regular unemployment benefits numbered 1,281.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show an overall decrease. State educational services will probably show a continued summer downturn. Much of the change in total employment levels will depend on developments in the oil and gas industry. Unemployment will likely decrease as many entrants and re-entrants withdraw from the labor force during the summer months.

BATON ROUGE AREA

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HOUMA - THIBODAUX AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	53.5	53.6	52.6	- 0.1	+ 0.9
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.2	4.5	+ 0.3	0
Durable Goods	2.9	2.9	2.6	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.3	1.9	+ 0.3	- 0.3
MINING	6.1	6.2	5.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3
CONSTRUCTION	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.1	6.1	5.5	0	+ 0.6
Water Transportation	3.8	3.8	3.2	0	+ 0.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	13.7	13.8	13.7	- 0.1	0
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	10.8	10.9	10.7	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.5	3.5	3.0	0	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.2	2.2	2.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	8.9	8.9	8.6	0	+ 0.3
GOVERNMENT	10.3	10.6	10.6	- 0.3	- 0.3
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
State and Local	9.9	10.2	10.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
State	2.5	2.8	2.6	- 0.3	- 0.1
Local	7.4	7.4	7.5	0	- 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

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Mining eased downward. Construction showed a small seasonal gain mostly in employment by special trade contractors. Transportation and public utilities held steady. Retail trade displayed a small decrease largely in employment by food stores. Finance, insurance, and real estate showed no significant change. Services remained at the same total level, with small decreases in business services and private health services offset by minor increases in other segments of this industry division. Government was lowered by early summer layoffs in state education.

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LAFAYETTE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	82.3	82.2	80.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
MANUFACTURING	6.2	5.9	6.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Durable Goods	1.5	1.4	1.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.5	4.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.5	1.4	1.6	+ 0.1	- 0.1
MINING	10.7	10.3	10.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
CONSTRUCTION	2.9	2.9	3.1	0	- 0.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	5.6	5.6	5.7	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	22.6	22.6	22.0	0	+ 0.6
Wholesale Trade	5.2	5.2	5.0	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.1	3.1	2.9	0	+ 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Retail Trade	17.4	17.4	17.0	0	+ 0.4
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.8	2.7	2.9	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Food Stores	2.6	2.8	2.8	- 0.2	- 0.2
Auto. Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.8	1.8	1.6	0	+ 0.2
Other Retail Trade	10.2	10.1	9.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	3.6	3.6	3.8	0	- 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.2	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	18.6	18.6	17.9	0	+ 0.7
GOVERNMENT	12.1	12.7	11.9	- 0.6	+ 0.2
Federal	0.9	0.9	0.9	0	0
State and Local	11.2	11.8	11.0	- 0.6	+ 0.2
State	4.2	4.8	4.1	- 0.6	+ 0.1
Local	7.0	7.0	6.9	0	+ 0.1

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lafayette LMA was estimated at 82,300, an increase of 100 over the May 1988 revised estimate.

Manufacturing employment rose by 300 since last month, with increases scattered through all areas of manufacturing. Since last year, manufacturing is up by 200.

Mining showed a strong increase of 400 over the prior month and has increased by 500 since June 1987. Wholesale and retail trade showed no overall change. Government showed a decline of 600 over the revised May figure due to seasonal factors. The decline was centered in state government.

All other segments of the economy showed no change from the previous month.

Total employment and the unemployment rate for the next thirty days should remain stable.

LAKE CHARLES AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	59.5	58.7	58.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
MANUFACTURING	11.1	11.1	10.7	0	+ 0.4
Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.3	0	+ 0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.1	0	+ 0.3
Nondurable Goods	8.5	8.5	8.4	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	- 0.1
Chemical & Pet. Products	7.7	7.7	7.6	0	+ 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.6	0.6	0.5	0	+ 0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	0.9	0	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	4.2	4.1	3.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	3.9	3.9	4.0	0	- 0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.4	14.5	14.3	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	11.5	11.6	11.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.0	2.0	2.2	0	- 0.2
Auto Dlrs. & Serv. Sta.	1.2	1.3	1.2	- 0.1	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 0.2
Banking	1.1	1.1	1.0	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	11.3	11.4	11.3	- 0.1	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.5	0.6	0.6	- 0.1	- 0.1
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
GOVERNMENT	10.7	9.8	10.6	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	10.1	9.2	10.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.1
State	3.3	3.4	3.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Local	6.8	5.8	6.5	+ 1.0	+ 0.3

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment in the Lake Charles LMA was estimated at 59,500, an increase of 800 from the revised May 1988 estimate. Compared to the June 1987 estimate, employment in this area is up by 1,100.

Construction showed an increase of 100 over last month's revised figure and is 300 higher than the estimate for June of last year. Trade showed a decline of 100 since last month, as did services. Government rose by 900 in June, due mainly to summer youth hiring in local government.

Other sectors showed no change from last month.

The unemployment rate and the employment level is expected to remain stable for the next thirty days.

MONROE AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.7	53.5	54.7	+ 1.2	0
MANUFACTURING	7.1	7.2	7.0	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Durable Goods	2.1	2.2	2.1	- 0.1	0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Other Durable Goods	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 0.1	0
Nondurable Goods	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 0.1
Food & Kindred Products	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
Chemical & Allied Products	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3.8	3.8	3.7	0	+ 0.1
MINING	0.4	0.3	0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
CONSTRUCTION	2.7	2.7	3.0	0	- 0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.6	2.6	3.0	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	14.1	13.9	14.5	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Wholesale Trade	3.9	3.8	3.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	10.2	10.1	10.8	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Gen. Mdse., App. & Acc.	2.3	2.3	2.5	0	- 0.2
Auto Dealers & Serv. Sta.	1.1	1.0	1.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	3.2	3.3	3.6	- 0.1	- 0.4
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4.6	4.5	4.7	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Banking	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	- 0.1
SERVICES	11.6	11.5	11.6	+ 0.1	0
Hotels & Other Lodg. Places	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
Personal Services	0.5	0.5	0.6	0	- 0.1
Health Services	5.2	5.1	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.6	10.8	10.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Federal	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0
State and Local	11.0	10.2	10.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
State	4.9	4.9	3.5	0	+ 1.4
Local	6.1	5.3	6.5	+ 0.8	- 0.4

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total employment, estimated at 54,700, was 1,200 above the mid-May estimate of 53,500. The gain was primarily in government.

Manufacturing, estimated at 7,100, was down by 100 workers. This minimal decline was in durable goods.

Government showed the greatest increase in employment, 800, as youths began work in summer employment and training programs for the disadvantaged. Wholesale and retail trade rose by 200 workers. Mining, finance, insurance and real estate, and services all showed minimal gains of 100. All other segments were unchanged.

Employment should inch up slightly as outdoor activities increase. Unemployment will remain high.

NEW ORLEANS AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	516.0	513.1	508.1	+ 2.9	+ 7.9
MANUFACTURING	43.8	43.8	42.3	0	+ 1.5
Durable Goods	22.4	22.6	20.4	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.2	1.2	1.2	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.4	2.3	2.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Machinery	2.8	2.8	2.6	0	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	13.6	13.9	11.9	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Ship & Boatbuilding & Repairing	9.9	10.2	8.2	- 0.3	+ 1.7
Other Durable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.9	0	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.4	21.2	21.9	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Food & Kindred Products	6.2	6.0	6.6	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Paper & Allied Products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.8	0	0
Chemicals and Allied Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0	+ 0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	4.5	4.5	4.6	0	- 0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	0.4	0.4	0.4	0	0
MINING	14.9	15.0	14.6	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.1	13.7	0	+ 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	22.7	22.2	21.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	43.9	43.6	43.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.9
Railroad Transportation	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Water Transportation	13.0	12.8	12.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	134.2	133.8	135.0	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Wholesale Trade	31.9	31.9	31.9	0	0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	18.0	18.0	18.2	0	- 0.2
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	13.9	13.9	13.7	0	+ 0.2
Retail Trade	102.3	101.9	103.1	+ 0.4	- 0.8
General Merchandise	13.8	13.8	13.7	0	+ 0.1
Food Stores	18.4	18.2	18.6	+ 0.2	- 0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	35.3	35.2	35.6	+ 0.1	- 0.3
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	34.0	34.0	34.4	0	- 0.4
Banking	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+ 0.1
SERVICES	135.4	136.0	131.5	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13.0	13.2	12.6	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Health Services	36.5	36.5	36.1	0	+ 0.4
GOVERNMENT	87.1	84.7	85.4	+ 2.4	+ 1.7
Federal	15.9	16.0	16.2	- 0.1	- 0.3
State and Local	71.2	68.7	69.2	+ 2.5	+ 2.0
State	17.7	18.8	18.0	- 1.1	- 0.3
Local	53.5	49.9	51.2	+ 3.6	+ 2.3

NEW ORLEANS AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$429.79	$416.93	$417.90	40.7	40.4	39.8	$10.56	$10.32	$10.50
Durable Goods	393.05	377.34	373.98	41.2	40.4	38.2	9.54	9.34	9.79
Stone, Clay, & Glass Pdts.	288.09	279.00	255.76	33.0	31.0	27.8	8.73	9.00	9.20
Fabricated Metal Products	600.37	440.36	417.58	53.7	43.3	41.1	11.18	10.17	10.16
Ship & Boatbuilding and Repairing	334.14	351.35	347.76	38.1	40.2	36.0	8.77	8.74	9.66
Nondurable Goods	470.84	460.56	456.91	40.2	40.4	41.2	11.70	11.40	11.09
Food & Kindred Products	292.52	294.49	299.57	35.5	35.1	37.4	8.24	8.39	8.01
Apparel & Other Textile Pdts.	168.00	185.50	177.41	35.0	37.1	33.6	4.80	5.00	5.28
Paper & Allied Products	382.35	420.56	429.44	44.1	43.9	47.4	8.67	9.58	9.06
Printing & Publishing	335.74	353.89	384.14	34.9	38.3	41.8	9.62	9.24	9.19
Chemicals & Allied Pdts.	718.68	699.70	710.16	45.2	45.2	44.0	15.90	15.48	16.14

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 30,400 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment, in the New Orleans LMA in June increased to 516,000, a level 2,900 above May. The largest changes were seasonal in nature. Over the year, nonagricultural employment gained 7,900 workers, with increases in all industry divisions except retail trade and finance, insurance and real estate.

Manufacturing employment totaled 43,800, the same level as the previous month. Fabricated metal products increased due to more business. Ship and boat building and repairing decreased due to less business. Food and kindred products gained due to seasonal increases primarily in the seafood processing industry.

Mining moved slightly downward. Construction continued showing normal seasonal upward movement. Transportation and public utilities made small gains, partly due to increases in local port activity. Retail trade moved upward while wholesale trade held steady. Finance, insurance and real estate showed no change over the previous month. Services fell due to normal summer adjustments in private educational services. Government showed significant seasonal gains, with hires of summer workers in local government partly offset by summer layoffs by state universities.

Production workers in the area earned an average of $429.79 per week in June, up $12.86 from last month's average. Average weekly hours were 40.7, up 18 minutes from the previous month. Average hourly earnings were $10.56, up $0.24 from the previous month. Compared to one year ago, weekly earnings are up $11.89 in manufacturing.

Estimated unemployment in June decreased to 55,800, a level 200 below May. The increase in employment was mostly responsible. Joblessness presently comprises 9.3 percent of the labor force compared with 9.5 percent in May and 10.5 percent in June of last year. The June rate was lower than the state rate of 10.5 percent. Recipients of regular unemployment insurance benefits totaled 9,665.

Nonagricultural employment in the coming months is expected to show overall seasonal increases. Construction is likely to add workers. Educational services will continue to move downward seasonally. State and local government will make normal summer adjustments. Changes in mining are strongly dependent on developments in the oil and gas industry. Unemployment is expected to decrease as the number of entrants and re-entrants into the labor force moves down from the high level of June.

SHREVEPORT AREA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
(In Thousands by Industry)

	June 1988*	May 1988**	June 1987**	Net Change From May 1988	Net Change From June 1987
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	133.9	133.5	132.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
MANUFACTURING	17.3	17.1	18.0	+ 0.2	- 0.7
Durable Goods	12.5	12.4	12.9	+ 0.1	- 0.4
Lumber and Wood Products	0.4	0.4	0.5	0	- 0.1
Metals and Machinery	7.3	7.3	7.4	0	- 0.1
Primary and Fabricated Metals	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Machinery, Inc. Electrical	5.8	5.8	5.9	0	- 0.1
Other Durable Goods	4.8	4.7	5.0	+ 0.1	- 0.2
Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	5.1	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Food & Kindred Products	0.6	0.6	0.7	0	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.2	1.2	1.4	0	- 0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products	0.8	0.7	0.8	+ 0.1	0
Other Nondurable Goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0
MINING	3.0	3.0	3.4	0	- 0.4
CONSTRUCTION	7.7	7.6	6.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	8.0	8.0	8.4	0	- 0.4
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	32.5	32.2	32.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.8	7.9	0	- 0.1
Retail Trade	24.7	24.4	24.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	7.2	7.2	7.4	0	- 0.2
SERVICES	33.1	33.3	32.1	- 0.2	+ 1.0
GOVERNMENT	25.1	25.1	23.6	0	+ 1.5
Federal	4.8	4.7	4.8	+ 0.1	0
State and Local	20.3	20.4	18.8	- 0.1	+ 1.5
State	6.0	6.1	5.6	- 0.1	+ 0.4
Local	14.3	14.3	13.2	0	+ 1.1

SHREVEPORT AREA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**	June '88*	May '88**	June '87**
All MANUFACTURING	$507.18	$475.78	$472.78	42.3	41.3	40.1	$11.99	$11.52	$11.79
Lumber and Wood Products	222.18	245.75	275.22	32.2	33.3	41.2	6.90	7.38	6.68
Metals and Machinery	536.26	462.42	522.48	44.8	42.0	42.0	11.97	11.01	12.44
Food and Kindred Products	344.96	348.04	343.99	44.0	44.0	41.0	7.84	7.91	8.39
Printing and Publishing	337.07	362.52	318.64	34.5	38.0	33.4	9.77	9.54	9.54
Petroleum and Coal Products	556.66	559.30	552.83	46.7	46.3	44.8	11.92	12.08	12.34

Data in the average earnings table are for approximately 13,000 production workers and are computed on a "gross" basis and reflect overtime, late shift work and incentive rates.

SHREVEPORT AREA

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TRENDS

Total nonagricultural employment for this labor market area, estimated at 133,900, increased from 133,500 in May. This gain was equally divided between manufacturing and nonmanufacturing employment.

The manufacturing employment total rose slightly between May and June with a 100 gain in both durable and nondurable goods employment. The total manufacturing employment estimate of 17,300 remains 700 less than the year-ago total.

Total nonmanufacturing employment, estimated at 116,600, moved up from the May estimate of 116,400. The small employment gains in construction and retail trade offset losses that occurred in services between May and June.

Production workers in this labor market area, estimated at 13,000, earned an average of $507.18 per week, up $31.40 from the revised May average. Average weekly hours increased 42.3, compared to 41.3 for the revised May average. Average hourly earnings moved up to $11.99 from $11.52 in May.

The civilian labor force in June was estimated at 167,400, including 150,900 employed and 16,500 unemployed. Total unemployment makes up 9.8 percent of the labor force.

Over the next thirty days total nonagricultural employment is expected to fall slightly below the present estimate. This will be due mostly to downward adjustments in educational services.

Total unemployment for the area will remain high, with no significant changes expected for the summer months.

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